Clearance to pending projects of tourism

4155. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of proposals of the tourism sector received from the State Government of Assam are pending with Government;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for the delay in taking any decision by Government; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) to (c) Promotion of tourism is primarily responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned . Following project proposals have been taken up in consultation with the Governnment of Assam and sanctioned during 2002-2003 :—

1. Majuli Festival.
2. Construction of facilities for pilgrims at Kamakhya.
3. Projects under Tourist Circuit :
   (i) River Front Development alone Brahmaputra
   (ii) Development of Ethnic Village at Bhalukpung
   (iii) Camping site at Kohra
   (iv) Signages
4. Majuli Island Resort.
5. Rural Tourism at Phumen Ingti.
6. Rangoli Bihu Festival.

Facilities to foreign tourists

†4156. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of increase in the number of foreign tourists, the facilities being provided to them are negligible;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to encourage foreign tourists from whom huge amount of foreign exchange is earned, coming to India by increasing the facilities being provided to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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